AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a status notification for a message in a communications network comprising:

      (a) assigning a message identifier for said message;

      (b) receiving a destination identifier for communicating said status notification; and

      (c) associating said destination identifier with said message;

      wherein said destination identifier comprises an address identifier indicating an address to which said status notification is to be sent, said address identifier indicating an address different than an originating address for said message, and

      a format identifier identifying a format for said status notification.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

      (d) creating a disposition identifier in response to a disposition event; and

      (e) associating said disposition identifier with said message.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

      (f) compiling said disposition identifier and said message identifier to create said status notification in response to a triggering event; and

      (g) communicating said status notification in accordance with said destination identifier.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

      (h) billing a party to said message for said providing of said status notification.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of:

a managing event; and

a dispatching event.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said message;

deleting said message;

presenting an indication of said message;

expiring said message; and

terminating a recipient of said message from said communications network.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

denying said status notification of said message; and

malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

forwarding said message; and

replying to said message.

9. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said triggering event comprises at least one of:

said disposition event; and

a passage of time.

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10.   (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~10~~1, wherein said address identifier

comprises at least one of:

>   an email address; and

>   an access address.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~10~~1, wherein said format identifier comprises

at least one of:

>   an audio format;

>   a video format;

>   a text format;

>   a short message service format; and

>   a markup language document format.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said communications network comprises at

least one of:

>   an electronic communications network;

>   a text-based communications network;

>   a telecommunications network;

>   a video-enabled communications network; and

>   a multimedia-enabled communications network.

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14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one

of:

       a type identifier;

       an alphanumeric identifier;

       a capabilities identifier; and

       an annotation.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one

of:

       a communication network identifier;

       a device identifier;

       a role identifier;

       a party identifier;

       a date identifier; and

       a time identifier.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

       an originator;

       a sender;

       a caller;

       a recipient; and

       a system administrator.

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17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

> an email address;
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> an access address;
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> a voice sample; and
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> an image.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing an attribute for said status notification for said message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

> said message identifier;
>
> said destination identifier;
>
> said disposition identifier; and
>
> said status notification.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising administrative functionality, wherein said administrative functionality comprises at least one of:

> deleting said attribute;
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> monitoring said attribute;
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> moving said attribute;
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> forwarding said attribute;
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> securing said attribute;
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> archiving said attribute;

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backing up said attribute;

informing a recipient of said attribute; and

blocking said attribute.

20. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification for a message in a

communications network comprising:

(a) a processor to assign a message identifier for said message;

(b) said processor further operative to receive a destination identifier for

communicating said status notification; and

(c) said processor further operative to associate said destination identifier with said

message;

wherein said destination identifier comprises an address identifier indicating an

address to which said status notification is to be sent, said address identifier indicating an

address different than an originating address for said message; and

a format identifier identifying a format for said status notification.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein said processor is further operative

to:

(d) create a disposition identifier in response to a disposition event; and

(e) associate said disposition identifier with said message.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said processor is further operative

to:

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(f) compile said disposition identifier and said message identifier to create said status

notification in response to a triggering event; and

(g) communicate said status notification in accordance with said destination

identifier.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein said processor is further operative

to:

(h) bill a party to said message for said providing of said status notification.

24. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein said triggering event comprises at least one

of:

said disposition event; and

a passage of time.

25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one

of:

a managing event; and

a dispatching event.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein said managing event comprises at least one

of:

accessing said message;

deleting said message;

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presenting an indication of said message;

expiring said message; and

terminating a recipient of said message from said communications network.

27. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein said managing event comprises at least one

of:

denying said status notification of said message; and

malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

28. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one

of:

forwarding said message; and

replying to said message.

29.   (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2920, wherein said address identifier

comprises at least one of:

an email address; and

an access address.

31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2920, wherein said format identifier comprises

at least one of:

an audio format;

a video format;

a text format;

a short message service format; and

a markup language document format.

32. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein said communications network comprises at

least one of:

an electronic communications network;

a text-based communications network;

a telecommunications network;

a video-enabled communications network; and

a multimedia-enabled communications network.

33. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one

of:

a type identifier;

an alphanumeric identifier;

a capabilities identifier; and

an annotation.

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34. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one

of:

      a communication network identifier;

      a device identifier;

      a role identifier;

      a party identifier;

      a date identifier; and

      a time identifier.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

      an originator;

      a sender;

      a caller;

      a recipient; and

      a system administrator.

36. (Original) The system of claim 34, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

      an email address;

      an access address;

      a voice sample; and

      an image.

37. (Original) The system of claim 20, said processor further operative for storing an attribute for said status notification for said message, wherein said attribute comprises at one least of:

    said message identifier;

    said destination identifier;

    said disposition identifier; and

    said status notification.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, said processor further operative to perform administrative functionality, wherein said administrative functionality comprises at least one of:

    deleting said attribute;

    monitoring said attribute;

    moving said attribute;

    forwarding said attribute;

    securing said attribute;

    archiving said attribute;

    backing up said attribute;

    informing a recipient of said attribute; and

    blocking said attribute.

39. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising a data repository operative to store said attribute.

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40. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein said data repository comprises a database.

41. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein said data repository comprises:

    a first database for storing said message; and

    a second database for storing said attribute.

42. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification for a voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent peripheral operative to:

    (a) assign a message identifier for said message;

    (b) receive a destination identifier for communicating a status notification; and

    (c) associate said destination identifier with said message;

    wherein said destination identifier comprises an address identifier indicating an address to which said status notification is to be sent, said address identifier indicating an address different than an originating address for said message, and

    a format identifier identifying a format for said status notification.

43. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 42, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to:

    (d) create a disposition identifier in response to a disposition event; and

    (e) assign said disposition identifier to said message.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 43, wherein said intelligent peripheral is

further operative to:

(f) compile said disposition identifier and said message identifier to create said status

notification in response to a triggering event; and

(g) communicate said status notification in accordance with said destination

identifier.

45. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 44, wherein said intelligent peripheral is

further operative to:

(h) bill a party to said message for said providing of said status notification.

46. (Original) The system of claim 44, wherein said triggering event comprises at least one

of:

a disposition event; and

a passage of time.

47. (Original) The system of claim 46, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one

of:

a managing event; and

a dispatching event.

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48. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

       accessing said message;

       deleting said message;

       presenting an indication of said message;

       expiring said message; and

       terminating a recipient of said message from said AIN.

49. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

       denying said status notification of said message; and

       malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

50. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

       forwarding said message; and

       replying to said message.

51.   (Cancelled)

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52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 51_42, wherein said address identifier

comprises at least one of:

>   an email address; and

>   an access address.

53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 51_42, wherein said format identifier comprises

at least one of:

>   an audio format;

>   a video format;

>   a text format;

>   a short message service format; and

>   a markup language document format.

54. (Original) The system of claim 42, further comprising:

>   a service switching point functionally connected to said intelligent peripheral; and

>   an interface functionally connected to a service switching point and operative to

>   accept communications from a second communications network.

55. (Original) The system of claim 54, further comprising a mobile telephone switching

office (MTSO) functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate said status

notification directed to a cellular device.

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56. (Original) The system of claim 54, further comprising a computer network functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate said status notification directed to a computer network client device.

57. (Original) The system of claim 54, further comprising a personal digital assistant communications network functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate said status notification directed to a personal digital assistant.

58. (Original) The system of claim 42, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one of:

      a type identifier;

      an alphanumeric identifier;

      a capabilities identifier; and

      an annotation.

59. (Original) The system of claim 42, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one of:

      a communication network identifier;

      a device identifier;

      a role identifier;

      a party identifier;

      a date identifier; and

      a time identifier.

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60. (Original) The system of claim 59, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

an originator;

a sender;

a caller;

a recipient; and

a system administrator.

61. (Original) The system of claim 59, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address;

an access address;

a voice sample; and

an image.

62. (Original) The system of claim 42, said intelligent peripheral further operative for storing

an attribute for said status notification for said message, wherein said attribute comprises at

least one of:

said message identifier;

said destination identifier;

said disposition identifier; and

said status notification.

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63. (Original) The system of claim 62, further comprising a service management system functionally connected to said intelligent peripheral, operative to perform administrative functionality comprising at least one of:

    deleting said attribute;

    monitoring said attribute;

    moving said attribute;

    forwarding said attribute;

    . securing said attribute;

    archiving said attribute;

    backing up said attribute;

    informing a recipient of said attribute; and

    blocking said attribute.

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